



GSO Senate Resolution 24.17

A Resolution Establishing the Annual Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year

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Sponsor(s):

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Action(s): Passed (27 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions)

Chair of the Senate: CJ Arnell

President Pro Tempore of the Senate: Roger Rosena

Parliamentarian: Luke VanderSchaaff

President of the Student Body: Daniel J. Kimmel

Whereas, the Graduate Student Activity Fee shall be allocated by the Senate at its Special Meeting on the Budget after receiving an annual budget recommendation from the Finance Committee as per the Constitution; and

Whereas, the Senate acknowledges this funding is made under the regulations and procedures laid out in the GSO Fiscal Policy; and

Whereas, the Finance Committee has transmitted its recommendations to the Senate for its consideration; therefore be it

Resolved, that the following budget be adopted as the Budget of the Graduate Student Organization and as its sole spending authority for the 2025 fiscal year, notwithstanding other spending authority authorized by the Constitution, with the following stipulations (the following items reference specific lines, as indicated; the lines also reference back to this list by number):

1. (A.1-5) All service providers are set to receive funding in full at the beginning of the Fiscal Year.
2. (A.1-5) All service providers, as a requirement to receive GSO funding, must allow accessibility to their services for all fee-paying graduate students, and publicize such services as sponsored by the GSO.
3. (A.1-5) The GSO Finance Committee has conducted an audit of all service providers pertaining their expenditures for FY24. Per the internal fiscal investigation, and per the

findings provided by committee members, Fiscal Affairs has voted not to fund the Bernice Wright School, the BioInspired Institute, the Early Education and Child Care Center, and Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE).

4. (A.1-5) Where there is a shared interest in the services provided, the GSO will endeavor to forge partnerships with the interested parties to jointly fund the service. The GSO stays committed to relationship building with other departments/organization across the University.
5. (B1.2) Any use of the executive discretionary fund must be reported to the Senate no later than seven days after its use, when in session, or at the first regular meeting if used out of session, and again in the Comptroller's next report to the Senate.
6. (B1.3) In addition to the Senate Meetings defined in the Constitution, the Executive Board shall host one Town Hall-style meeting at the beginning of each academic year.
7. (B1.6-14) All Executive Compensation will be paid in equal monthly installments, or as equal as possible, spread as appropriate through the term of the relevant officer.
8. (B1.6-12) A pay study was conducted to determine the appropriate executive compensation rates.
9. (B1.13-14) Two Staff positions were established during FY24, and a resolution was passed on May 1, 2024 to determine a stipend of \$4,000 for the President Pro Tempore and the GSO Parliamentarian.
10. (B1.6-9) (This is a note.) The President's, Internal Vice President's, External Vice President's, and Comptroller's terms run from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025 (12 months).
11. (B1.10-12) (This is a note.) The Recording Secretary, Communication Secretary, and the Financial Secretary's terms run from the date they are elected to May 31, 2025 (8 months).
12. (B1.15) The President's Benefits funds will be used for medical insurance or other health-related costs, including standard medical, dental, and vision insurance.
13. (B2.1) The PAC (Travel) Grant Program will be allowed to apply to Special Programming (C3.1) for extra funding. The Travel Grant Program's line-item also respects Resolution 24.12: "(6) A minimum of \$90,000 or 20% of the GSO's total operating budget, whichever is lower, shall be allocated to the PAC Grant program in the GSO Annual Budget Resolution."
14. (B3) GSO Programming will be allowed to apply to Special Programming (C3.1) for extra funding.
15. (C1.1-22) Funding for organizations representing academic programs or departments was determined as \$25 per student in the represented academic program or department up to a \$2,000 cap per organization. These groups may apply for additional funding through Special Programming (C3.1).
16. (C2.1-16) Funding for organizations not representing an academic program or department is \$300, with the expectation that these funds will enable the organization to become

active in the current budget year, elect new leadership (if required), plan their events for the current year, and apply for additional funding through Special Programming.

17. (C3.1) Registered Student Organizations may apply for Special Programming (C3.1) once per semester unless additional applications are invited by the Finance Committee or by the Senate. Each application may contain funding requests for multiple events.
18. (O.1) (This is a note) The Operational Budget is the amount of funding available to the GSO at the start of the Fiscal Year through the University before Student Fees are collected. The stretch allocation will be allotted, and shift, in response to the incoming student fee revenues. The first stretch allocation will be based on the Budget Office's revenue estimate, the second after the Fall figures are known, and the final after the actual figures are known in the early Spring. Each shift in the allocation will be presented by the Comptroller and approved by the Senate. The line items impacted by the stretch allocation will be "variable" ones that have different demands every year and can be supplemented or stopped as necessary, like Special Programming and GSO Programming (the External VPs social events). Please note: the stretch allocation budget is estimated to be \$501,120. Of the latter, \$35,092.80 was not allocated during the Finance Committee's budget allocation meeting because, as of now, the GSO and the Graduate School are unaware of the funds' availability. If the estimate is accurate, the GSO Comptroller may look into prioritizing the PAC Grant Program's line-item.
19. (R.1) (This is a note) The base allocation will be allotted with reference to the Operational Budget amount, \$398,172. This is the minimum amount of funding we will have as an organization and it was adjusted per the increase of the student activity fee passed in December 2023 (Resolution 24.04). The allotments made in this allocation are the "worst case scenario" and as such all expenses that the GSO is obligated to pay must be funded in full here. This includes Executive Board stipends, service providers, and RSOs' annual budgets. Line items here that appear to be underfunded can make up for it in the stretch allocation so long as the funds are available.
20. (R.1) The Comptroller and Finance Committee will present an adjustment to the Graduate Student Activity Fee Estimate at the second regular GSO Senate Meeting. This adjustment will be based on the actual revenues collected at the beginning of the Fall Semester. The Stretch Allocations will be adjusted to reflect the new estimate of revenues and approved by the Senate.
21. (R.2) The Comptroller and Finance Committee will present the actual revenue figures at the second regular GSO Senate Meeting of the Spring Semester. The Stretch Allocations will be adjusted to reflect the new figures of the revenue available to the GSO and approved by the Senate.

Item	Outlays	Base Allocation	Stipulations	Stretch Allocation
	A. Service Providers	Base Allocation	Stipulations	Stretch Allocation
A.1	Graduate School Programs and Career Services	\$ 22,250.00	1,2,3,4	\$ 22,250.00
A.2	Student Legal Services	\$ 68,671.79	1,2,3,4	\$ 68,671.79
A.3	SU Library	\$ 3,500.00	1,2,3,4	\$ 3,500.00
A.4	International Center	\$ 17,973.41	1,2,3,4	\$ 17,973.41
A.5	Graduate School Payment	\$ 13,000.00	1,2,3,4	\$ 13,000.00
	Total A	\$ 125,395.20		\$ 125,395.20
	B. GSO			
	B1. Operating Expenses			
B1.1	Office Expenses	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00
B1.2	Executive Discretionary Fund	\$ -		\$ 5,000.00
B1.3	Senate Meeting Food	\$ 3,600.00	5	\$ 5,000.00
B1.4	Committee Expenses	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
B1.5	CART Services	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,600.00
	Executive Compensation			
B1.6	President	\$ 24,288.00	6,7,9	\$ 24,288.00
B1.7	Vice President, Internal	\$ 15,840.00	6,7,9	\$ 15,840.00
B1.8	Director of External Affairs	\$ 10,560.00	6,7,9	\$ 10,560.00
B1.9	Comptroller	\$ 15,840.00	6,7,9	\$ 15,840.00
B1.10	General Secretary	\$ 5,760.00	6,7,10	\$ 5,760.00
B1.11	Financial Secretary	\$ 5,760.00	6,7,10	\$ 5,760.00
B1.12	Communication Secretary	\$ 5,760.00	6,7,10	\$ 5,760.00
B1.13	President Pro Tempore	\$ 4,000.00	6,8	\$ 4,000.00
B1.14	Parliamentarian	\$ 4,000.00	6,8	\$ 4,000.00
	Benefits			

B1.15	Presidential Benefits	\$ 2,000.00	11	\$ 2,000.00
	Total B1	\$ 102,508.00		\$ 111,408.00
	B2. Grant Programs		12	
B2.1	PAC (Travel) Grant Program	\$ 79,634.40		\$ 90,000.00
	Total B2	\$ 79,634.40		\$ 90,000.00
	B3. GSO Programming		13	
B3.1	GSO Fall and Spring Picnics	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
B3.2	Outreach	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
B3.3	Senate Appreciation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
B3.4	Orientation Materials	\$ -		\$ 4,000.00
	Total B3	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 39,000.00
	Total B	\$ 193,142.40		\$ 240,408.00
	C1. Academic Registered Student Organizations			
C1.1	Anthropology Graduate Student Organization	\$ 925.00	14	\$ 925.00
C1.2	Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$ 1,125.00	14	\$ 1,125.00
C1.3	English Graduate Organization	\$ 700.00	14	\$ 700.00
C1.4	Forensic Science Student Association at Syracuse University	\$ 1,325.00	14	\$ 1,325.00
C1.5	Geography Graduate Student Organization (GGSO)	\$ 675.00	14	\$ 675.00
C1.6	Geology Graduate Student Organization (GeoGO)	\$ 800.00	14	\$ 800.00
C1.7	Graduate Arts Programming	\$ 2,000.00	14	\$ 2,000.00
C1.8	Graduate Student Association for Public Health	\$ 850.00	14	\$ 850.00

C1.9	Graduate Students of Architecture	\$ 1,000.00	14	\$ 1,000.00
C1.10	History Graduate Student Organization	\$ 825.00	14	\$ 825.00
C1.11	Information School (iSchool) Graduate Organization	\$ 2,000.00	14	\$ 2,000.00
C1.12	Mathematics Graduate Organization	\$ 1,150.00	14	\$ 1,150.00
C1.13	Nutrition Student Graduate Organization	\$ 375.00	14	\$ 375.00
C1.14	Philosophy Graduate Student Organization	\$ 875.00	14	\$ 875.00
C1.15	Physics Graduate Student Organization	\$ 2,000.00	14	\$ 2,000.00
C1.16	Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$ 1,725.00	14	\$ 1,725.00
C1.17	Psychology Action Committee	\$ 1,575.00	14	\$ 1,575.00
C1.18	Public Administration and International Relations Association (PAIRA)	\$ 2,000.00	14	\$ 2,000.00
C1.19	Religion Graduate Organization	\$ 600.00	14	\$ 600.00
C1.20	School of Education Graduate Student Council	\$ 2,000.00	14	\$ 2,000.00
C1.21	Sociology Graduate Student Assemblage	\$ 1,125.00	14	\$ 1,125.00
C1.22	Student Academy of Audiology	\$ 700.00	14	\$ 700.00
	Total C1	\$ 26,350.00		\$ 26,350.00
	C2. Non-Academic Registered Student Organizations			
C2.1	African Graduate Student Network	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.2	Association of Women in Mathematics	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.3	Black Graduate Student Association	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.4	Central Asian and Caucasus Student Union	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.5	Conflict Management Center	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.6	Counselors for Social Justice	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00

C2.7	Delta Delta Epsilon Forensic Science Honor Society	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.8	ICMA Student Chapter	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.9	Indigenous Graduate Student Association	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.10	Iranian Student Association	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.11	Nanhi Kali Syracuse University Chapter	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.12	RSA Chapter at Syracuse University	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.13	Sigma Upsilon of Chi Sigma Iota	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.14	Society for Biomaterials Chapter of Syracuse University	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.15	The Psychology Doctoral Students' Committee for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) at Syracuse University	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
C2.16	Whitman Women in Business (WWIB)	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 300.00
	Total C2	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 4,800.00
	C3. Special Programming			
C3.1	Special Programming	\$ 48,484.40	16	\$ 69,074.00
	Total C3	\$ 48,484.40	16	\$ 69,074.00
	Total C	\$ 79,634.40		\$ 100,224.00
	Total Outlays	\$ 398,172.00	17	\$ 466,027.20
	Operational Budget			
O.1	Operational Budget	\$ 398,172.00	17	
	R. Revenues			
R.1	Graduate Student Fee Estimate	\$ 390,636.00	18,19,20	
R.2	Graduate ESF Activity Fee Estimate	\$ 6,000.00	19	

R.3	Endowment Distribution	\$ 1,536.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 398,172.00	20	